

yesterday or the day before, called the Tax Commissioner and he said instead of estimating that we will have \$590 million income this year, he thought it would be \$592,330,000, and that came directly from him and I am sure that Senator Warner will comment on that. The last two years we have estimated the income of the State of Nebraska and have missed it less than 1%. State law says that we can have anywhere from 3% override up to 7% overlay. If all of the bills below on the general fund were to pass, we were to put the \$10 million in, we could still operate this state and carry better than a 3% surplus. It has never been my intention, never in the history of my voting have I said that we need more money in the kitty to operate state government just for the simple sake of having money. If we are going to have \$1 million or \$5 million, let that money stay in the pockets of the taxpayers. Don't bring it down here to the state and let us in turn loan it out to the banks. I suggest that we go ahead and put this \$10 million in state aid to education. I was talking to Senator Duis this morning. Senator Duis said that the Governor would veto it, said that the people would get and circulate a petition and stop it. Wait a minute, I don't believe he said that the Governor would veto it but he said the people would circulate the petition and get rid of it. I don't think they will when we have it within our tax formula, but if the money is there, I don't think they will take and circulate a petition. They circulated petitions before because the amount of money was staggering. It was going to increase state spending. It would increase the state's sales tax and the state income tax. This will do nothing with it. Last November when the present Board of Equalization and Assessments, the past Board of Equalization and Assessment voted to put two points on the income tax, that is generating more money than we need. So I would suggest that if we don't take this \$10 million and put it under the state aid formula, that I will have an amendment coming up that will cut one point off of the income tax. You can do either one. You can either give a tax cut for the property owners at home or we can give a tax cut for the people on the state level. I think that is all I will say right now. I hope that you will support the \$10 million. It is there. There is no doubt about it. It is there.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Warner and then Senator Koch.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the use of the reserve in my opinion is ill-advised. It is suggested that there will still be a 4.7% reserve if this goes. The way I figure it, it will be 4.1. If the food